

ABSTRACT

An index file for storing and retrieving on an individual basis, imaging data captured by an application running on an imaging subsystem of a document processor, the index file comprising a document-type definition file (DTD) that is processed with the image data by the imaging subsystem application, the imaging subsystem application interpreting the image data according to the document-type definition (DTD) file. The document type definition file preferably has a plurality of first elements related to selected parameters of the document processing system and second elements related to selected parameters of each at least one document that is processed, and further preferably has attributes that describe detailed information about selected ones of the elements. A flexible imaging index file is thus provided that is platform and application independent and that allows for the more facile storage and retrieval of image data from an image file.